

ECIA Conservation Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes September 6, 2022  
7 - 9 pm

1. Call to Order by Chair, Paul Butt at 7:09 pm.
2. Attendees
  - Roll call of members and determination of quorum:  
Carol Beidleman (excused absence)      Thom Bredenberg      Tom Brimacombe  
Paul Butt      John Parker  
Quorum status: established
  - Liaisons:  
Jonathan Turkle (Board Liaison)  
Mike Rogers (HOAMCO Liaison)
  - Meeting Assistance:  
Jocelyn Rizo (HOAMCO Staff)
  - Guests:
3. Appointment of recording secretary: John Parker  
For October meeting: Paul Butt
4. Approval of Agenda: Motion by: John Parker 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Thom Bredenberg  
Vote: unanimous
5. Announcements:  
Meeting is live and streamed on ZOOM with the following rules:  
Guests are muted until recognized.  
Guests should type in name and full address. If you wish to speak during the OPEN FORUM, please state your topic. Residents will be recognized on a first come, first served basis. Guests are limited to three minutes of discussion. For longer discussions, guests must notify the Committee Chair no later than seven days in advance of the Committee meeting, and the item will be placed on the agenda.  
Private messaging during the meeting is disabled.  
An audio recording of the Zoom meeting will be made, and will be available after the meeting upon request to [conservationchair@gmail.com](mailto:conservationchair@gmail.com)
6. Approval of August Minutes: Motion by: John Parker 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Tom Brimacombe  
Vote: unanimous

7. Board Liaison Report by Jonathan Turkle - Draft Preserve Policy was accepted by Board. GIS initiative on pause.
8. HOAMCO Report by Mike Rogers: Mike was unable to provide input due to extenuating circumstances
9. Project status updates:
  - Updates, Volunteer Recruitment project (Thom Bredenberg, Paul Butt:) Thom reported that the **Coexistence with Wildlife** event was well attended. Thom gave some input and met some potential CC volunteers.
  - Update, Tr 201 "1<sup>st</sup> mile" maintenance projects: John Parker, Thom Bredenberg and Paul Butt hiked the first mile of each of the 201 branches to assess current trail conditions and suitability for mechanical assistance by HOAMCO. Paul suggested that there may be a need to create additional access as the existing gates may not be wide enough. It is anticipated that additional work by volunteers will be required. The group also evaluated the effect of recent monsoon runoff on the willow transplant project. Flooding impact was extensive with an apparent high willow mortality rate.
  - Wildfire Risk Mitigation in Eldorado - Paul Butt requested that members and guests review the following documents for discussion during next months Open Forum:

[EldoSafety EducationTask Group Rpt to Board\\_DDenker\\_220816.docx](#)  
[question to ThBre re\\_Gallina Pk & Greenbelt WFR\\_PSB\\_220825.pdf](#)  
[Brush removal SOP draft\\_PSB\\_210308.pdf](#)  
[hazard fuel reports and follow-up procedural for the Eldorado Greenbelts\\_PSB\\_210329.pdf](#)

Thom Bredenberg distributed a narrative regarding his research on tumbleweed treatments in the greenbelt.

John Parker suggested that weed propagation was facilitated by growth in the bar ditches along major roads. Thom Bredenberg said that this problem also due to runoff into the greenbelts from the rail line. It was suggested that ECIA work with the county to mitigate this problem.

10. New Business:
  - Workday dates for September:
    - Tr 201-202 loop maintenance (1<sup>st</sup> mile project)
    - Tr 301-302 meadow project - it was decided that a workday be scheduled during the October meeting.
    - Tr 301 1<sup>st</sup> mile project - The committee will schedule a volunteer workday for an additional 1/3 mile trail work on Trail 301 for October 14 at 9 AM. Paul Butt will work with HOAMCO staff to issue an e-blast to volunteers.

